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SUBJECT: SENATE ACTION ON FY 1979 APPROPRIATION AND FY
1978 SUPP.

DOTA NO. 067-GU
TT/LNO GUAM PLS PASS TO US COMPTROLLER GUAM/TTPI FUKUTOME.
1. TO GOV. BORDALLO, GUAM. SENATE REPORT ON FY 1979
APPROPRIATION DELETES HOUSE ADD-ON OF 1,000 K DOLLARS FOR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.

2. FOR FY 79 THE COMMITTEE STATES, "THE GUAM ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT FUND HAS HISTORICALLY EXPERIENCED -
PROBLEMS IN OBLIGATING AVAILABLE FUNDS, PARTLY DUE TO THE
FACT THAT MOST OF THE LOAN REQUESTS INVOLVE PROJECTS THAT
ARE ONLY marginally FEASIBLE. EFFORTS ARE UNDERWAY TO
IMPROVE THIS SITUATION AS WELL AS THE LOAN DELINQUENCY
RATE, CURRENTLY ESTIMATED AT 24 PERCENT. UNDER THESE CIR-
CUMSTANCES, THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS THE BUDGET REQUEST OF
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\$500,000 MORE THAN ADEQUATE FOR LOAN REQUESTS ANTICIPATED
DURING FISCAL YEAR 1979."

3. FY 78 SUPP. SENATE ALLOWED \$25.0 MILLION DOLLARS SAME
AS HOUSE ALLOWANCE FOR HOSPITAL. SENATE DELETED 15.0

MILLION FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION.

4. FOR FY 78 SUPP. THE COMMITTEE STATES: "THE LEVEL RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE DELETES HOUSE INCREASES FOR TYPHOON REHABILITATION AND PARTLY FOR HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS. IN ADDITION TO DIRECT ASSISTANCE PROVIDED IN THIS BILL, FEDERAL GRANTS-IN-AID AWARDED TO GUAM IN FISCAL YEAR 1976 AMOUNTED TO \$37.4 MILLION, AND IN FISCAL YEAR 1977 THE TOTAL ROSE TO \$54.6 MILLION. MOST OF THESE GRANTS REQUIRED NO MATCHING SHARE FROM GUAM. THE COMMITTEE EXPECTS THE DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP A SOUND FISCAL PROGRAM FOR GUAM THAT DOES NOT RELY ON EVER-INCREASING FEDERAL FUNDING. THE COMMITTEE CONCURS IN THE HOUSE ALLOWANCE OF \$25,000,000 FOR PURCHASE OF A MODERN HEALTH CARE FACILITY ON GUAM, FORMERLY OPERATED BY THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE ON GUAM AS THE MEDICAL CENTER OF THE MARIANAS. THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM HAS PROPOSED A PLAN TO PURCHASE THE MEDICAL CENTER AND USE THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AS A LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE \$25,000,000 BE DISBURSED PURSUANT TO A PLAN FOR EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT TO BE APPROVED JOINTLY BY THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR AND THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE. THIS PLAN SHALL SPECIFY THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE FUNDS WILL BE SPENT AND INCLUDE SPECIFIC CONDITIONS RELATIVE TO HEALTH, SAFETY, AND HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS. THIS GRANT SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO PRE- AND POST-AWARD MONITORING."

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5. FINAL APPROPRIATION FOR FY 79 AND FY 80 SUPP. SUBJECT TO CONFERENCE ACTION. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED.

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